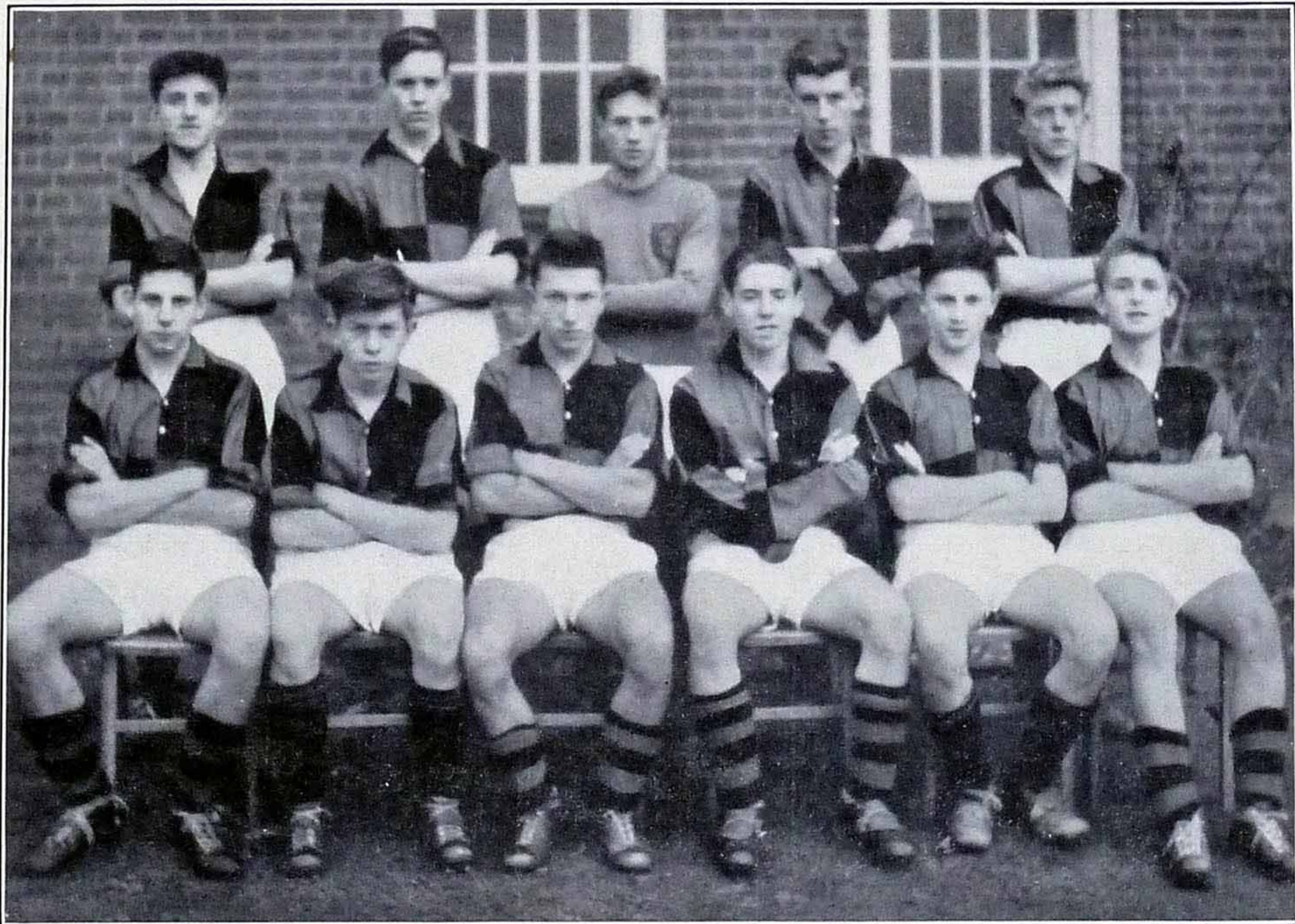




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Headmaster's Notes

THIS term we shall be saying farewell to Mr. R. C. Candy who has served the School for eleven years and is now retiring. Under him the Cadet Corps went from strength to strength and each inspection report paid a tribute to his work. We wish him many happy years of retirement.

A certain amount of re-organisation will, as a consequence, take place next term. Mr. Bridges will take over the teaching of English and Mr. G. W. Sutton, G.R.S.M., will be in charge of Music. Let me hasten to add that Mr. Bridges has in no way lost his interest in Music. We shall be fortunate indeed to have two such skilled musicians on the Staff of the School.

Mention is made elsewhere of the various activities of the School but I must pay tribute here to the very fine Carol Service, for which Mr. Bridges was primarily responsible — it was an inspiration to everyone, and was just as thrilling when played back on a tape — and to the good Staff work of the Prefects in seeing to the organising inside the Cathedral. And tribute to Mr. Tapster for the splendid dramatic performances in the Gym. These two occasions were the highlights of the term — there was inspiration, enthusiasm, hard work, and fine achievement.

In Memoriam

The keen sense of tragic loss felt far beyond Bury St. Edmunds by Percy Hallam's innumerable friends was felt equally deeply here in the School where he had taught Music for thirty seven years, and it was a tribute to one who had an immense pride in the School, and who was held in great affection by those whom he had taught, that Old Boys travelled a considerable distance to be present at the Service in the Cathedral. We shall always remember him for his complete genuineness and his utter disregard of self. We are proud to have as a memorial the setting to the Lord's Prayer composed by him and dedicated to the School.

School Visit to Tours and Paris

Our journey to France commenced with a coach trip at 4.30 a.m. to Victoria Station and by express to Folkestone. The Channel was calm and one of our company foolishly felt compelled to hope it would be rough coming back. But of that later.

At Boulogne we became acquainted with French currency for the first time, one poor fellow paying the equivalent of thirteen shillings for three bottles of lemonade. We reached Paris at five o'clock and, after having a meal, we left for Tours, arriving there at 10 p.m.

L'Hôtel de la Croix Blanche was an austere building inhabited at one time by Joan of Arc but we soon settled down and enjoyed the hospitality showered upon us by our hostess.

In Tours our most interesting visit was to the Cathedral of St. Gatien whilst, further afield, we visited many famous châteaux — Blois, overlooking the Loire; Amboise, a monument to Charles VIII., Chaumont, a medieval fortress; Chenonceaux, on a bridge across the Loire, and Chambord, in the midst of the Sologne forest. Two incidents of note occurred: the first when one member of the party gave the coach door a gentle push (as he termed it), only to shower glass over all, and the second when a likely looking person, asked in Anglo-French to direct us, astonished us by remarking, in extremely good American, "Hey, what do you guys want?"

During our stay in Paris we visited the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Palace of Versailles and the Eiffel Tower. Nearly all our travel was by Metro (Underground), and although detailed instructions were always given one boy excelled himself by travelling backwards and forwards for three hours on various lines without arriving at his destination.

The return Channel crossing was by Dieppe and Newhaven. Before sailing many of us decided to have a first class lunch. Ominously the soup swayed backwards and forwards in the plates but we were undeterred and left harbour quite happily. That feeling passed, for the wind

roared, the spray flew, the ship went up and down, and our lunches proved a most complete waste of money. It was interesting to see the one who had deplored the calm now leaning over the rails praying fervently.

All we could do at Newhaven was furtively change our wet clothes in the corridor whilst scouts kept watch for wandering females.

Our coach was waiting for us in London and we were in Bury just after midnight, grateful both to Mr. Smeltzer and Mr. Walls for a most enjoyable holiday.

A. D. DAY.

Football

1st XI. MATCHES

SCHOOL v. H.M.S. GANGES.

Saturday, 5th October. Home. Lost 0—6.

This was the first game of the season and the School did not settle down at all. The forwards tried to play an open game but were not backed up very well by an uneasy defence, and there were few shots at goal. Ganges had two fast wingers who were forever splitting the School defence and making openings for their inside forwards.

SCHOOL v. THETFORD G.S.

Thursday, 10th October. Away. Lost 3—5.

The School played well until half-time, swinging the ball about and using both the wingers to advantage. At half-time, the School were leading 3—1 and perhaps became overconfident. In the second-half Thetford attacked with vigour and their centre-forward scored a hat trick. The School defence made many slips and seemed to tire quickly, but some excuse must be made for one or two members of the side who had just recovered from 'flu.

SCHOOL v. CAIUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Saturday, 12th October. Away. Lost 2—3.

The School played well and were unlucky to lose. The wingers were always dangerous and kept the game open. Mr. Searle at inside-right added punch and thrust to the attack and scored one of the School's goals with a powerful shot. Dickerson played a constructive game and scored the other goal but did not shoot often enough. Crowe also played a good game, his long passes to both wings being most effective. The defence was at fault in being slow to clear the ball from our own penalty area.

SCHOOL v. SOHAM G.S.

Saturday, 19th October. Away. Lost 0—11.

The School held its own for the first twenty minutes but was at full stretch. After that, the Soham team's superior skill and stamina was shown and the School was overwhelmed by fast, clever football. The defence seemed to be in a perpetual tangle and most of the goal-scoring shots were at close range and gave the School goalkeeper no chance of saving them at all.

SCHOOL v. SUDBURY G.S.

Thursday, 24th October. Home. Draw 5—5.

The School played quite good football in attack but again there were many defensive muddles and the ball remained in our own penalty area much longer than necessary. Two of the School's goals were rather lucky, one passing between the opposing goalkeeper's legs, and the other, an attempted centre from the left wing, dropping over the goalkeeper's head when he misjudged it. Dickerson was always dangerous and scored three goals.

SCHOOL v. OLD BURIANS.

Saturday, 26th October. Home. Won 5—4.

This was an open game which the School fought hard to win. It was very even in the first-half but in the second-half the Old Burians were generally on the defensive and some seemed to have tired and slowed down. Dickerson played a splendid game and scored three good goals. The Old Burians were led by Barratt and included most of their District League players, including D. Flack, P. Smith, R. Abbott, K. Ellis, D. Rush, I. McGeehan and A. Butterfield.

SCHOOL v. THETFORD G.S.

Thursday, 31st October. Home. Draw 3—3.

The game was played on a very muddy, slippery pitch in a constant drizzle of rain. The School played well under these conditions and used long passes to both wings and through the centre to good effect. Dickerson used Thetford's disability to turn quickly on the wet ground to make a series of dangerous runs through Thetford's defence and Crowe backed him up with many fine through passes. Garrard scored two very good goals from the right wing. The School well deserved a draw.

SCHOOL v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, XI.

Saturday, 2nd November. Home. Lost 2—4.

The School forwards always tried hard to play good football but were not backed up sufficiently by the defence who were still apt to get muddled and did not tackle the man in possession as quickly as possible. St. John's were a much bigger team than the School team and consequently were better than the School when the ball was in the air. Mr. Searle played at centre forward for the School and, as against Caius College, added thrust and punch to the attack and opened the scoring.

SCHOOL v. SUDBURY G.S.

Wednesday, 6th November. Away. Lost 0—6.

The School started off badly and got little better as the game progressed. Sudbury began the game with only ten men, but within a few minutes, before their eleventh man arrived, they were two goals up. Sudbury seemed to gain inspiration by these two quick goals and our forward line was stopped before it really managed to make any dangerous moves. Sudbury tackled quickly and kicked the ball ahead hoping to find their team mates. This was the better type of game to play on their sloping, greasy pitch where the light ball was rather difficult to control. Consequently the School's attempts at good football came to nothing and Sudbury gained a decisive victory.

SCHOOL v. NEWMARKET G.S.

Saturday, 9th November. Home. Won 3—2.

The game was very open with one side having as much of the ball as the other in the first-half, although the School was losing 1—2 at half-time, somewhat unluckily. In the second-half the School attacked for a considerable period and scored the two goals necessary to win. The game was still open but the School defence played with more confidence than had been displayed previously. The movement of Crowe from right-half to inside-right improved the finishing of the forwards, Crowe scoring two goals with powerful drives.

SCHOOL v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, XI.

Thursday, 14th November. Away. Drew 4—4.

St. John's scored twice in the first ten minutes before the School had settled down, but we were not discouraged as might have been expected. The defence, playing more strongly than in previous games, used long passes to the wings to enable the forwards to play forceful football. This was greatly aided by the fact that Mr. Searle was again at centre-forward, using his speed and thrust to great advantage. Crowe and Dickerson, the inside forwards, plied Mr. Searle with passes whereupon he lived up to expectations and had many shots at goal, scoring twice. The School were leading 4—2 until the last few minutes when St. John's scored two more quick goals. One was a long shot which every player in the School defence expected somebody else to stop.

SCHOOL v. SOHAM G.S.

Saturday, 16th November. Home. Lost 2—7.

In this return match the School did much better than at Soham. Once or twice in the match the School were distinctly on top and in those periods scored two goals. The School played with great vigour and a determination not to be beaten by as many goals as in the away match against Soham and in that respect we were not disappointed. Reed was marking the Soham captain, the inside-right, and did well to stop him as efficiently as he did.

SCHOOL v. NEWPORT G.S.

Wednesday, 27th November. Away. Lost 1—3.

The School played hard and the game was fairly even at half-time, although the School was leading 1—0 by then. In the second-half the School concentrated on defence since the slope was against them and the defence was tiring under continuous pressure. The three goals scored against the School were all long shots dropping over the goalkeeper's head, shots very difficult to judge as they were dropping down hill.

In the first-half Matthews was unlucky when he headed the ball wide from Garrard's centre.

SCHOOL v. NEWMARKET G.S.

Saturday, 7th December. Away. Won 8—3.

This was a good game for the School and an excellent finish to a somewhat poor season. At half-time the School was unlucky to be losing 1—2 since many attempts were either well-saved or just missed the goal. In the second-half the School, determined to win this last match of the season, netted quickly but the goal was given offside. This, however, did not deter either forwards or defence and the School was soon attacking again. Four goals were quickly scored and the School relaxed a little only to attack again a short while later and score three more goals. In this game long passes from the defence to the wing caused most of the havoc wreaked among our opponents and Garrard and Howlett crossed many good passes for the inside forwards to shoot from.

1st XI. REVIEW

The School side was undoubtedly one of the youngest and least experienced we have turned out, but as in it were four members of the Fourth Form, three members of the Fifth, and four of the First year Sixth, there is every reason to suppose we shall fare much better next season.

After losing 11—0 to Soham, the team realised the need for hard training. As a consequence we lost only by 7—2 when we played the return match.

One trouble has been in finding a regular goalkeeper, Fordham eventually occupying that position, Benge, at left back, tended to hold the ball too long in his own penalty area. Twitchett ultimately finished the season at right back and Flack at right half. Carey, Garrard and Howlett played consistently, and Crowe, after playing half the season at right half, ended by playing at inside right where, although slow at times, he showed his shooting ability. Dickerson also played well, inspiring the forward line by his example in working hard and shooting hard.

Our final record was not very impressive, for, of the fourteen matches played, only three were won and three drawn, thirty eight goals being scored, with sixty six against.

1st XI. COLOURS :—

J. Dickerson.

HALF COLOURS :—

V. E. Carey.

N. A. B. Crowe.

R. L. Flack.

P. W. Garrard.

I. H. Howlett.

M.J.W.

M. J. WHITING — FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

Whiting has had the unenviable task of leading a team which was at least a year younger and a few inches shorter, man for man, than nearly all the opposing school teams. Such an inexperienced team needed leadership and encouragement, which Whiting has supplied with rare gusto. His words of advice have been terse and to the point and have commanded respect in coming from a player whose whole-hearted efforts none could fail to admire. He has shown no sign of discouragement when faced with a heavy defeat and has insisted that his team should play hard until the end of the game, whatever the score. In building a team around only two of last year's First XI, Whiting has received valuable assistance from Dickerson and Crowe, his Vice-Captain and Committee member.

P.S.

2nd XI. REVIEW

RESULTS

5th Oct.	v.	H.M.S. Ganges	(Home)	Lost	2—7
10th Oct.	v.	Thetford G.S.	(Home)	Won	4—2
12th Oct.	v.	Silver Jubilee	(Away)	Won	2—1
19th Oct.	v.	Soham G.S.	(Home)	Drew	2—2
24th Oct.	v.	Sudbury G.S.	(Home)	Won	6—2
31st Oct.	v.	Thetford G.S.	(Away)	Lost	1—6
6th Nov.	v.	Sudbury G.S.	(Away)	Won	10—4
14th Nov.	v.	Ixworth M.S.	(Home)	Won	6—0
16th Nov.	v.	Soham G.S.	(Away)	Lost	1—3
30th Nov.	v.	Silver Jubilee	(Home)	Won	3—1

Goals for 37.

Goals Against 28.

GOAL SCORERS—

Halls 17; Matthews 8; Roe 5; Dutton 3; Pallant 2; Johnston, Whistlecraft 1 each.

COLOURS—

Awarded 7th Nov. P. N. Matthews, K. E. Pallant, J. Reed.

Awarded 5th Dec. B. R. Bullock, M. J. Halls, N. V. D. Roe, K. E. Pallant (*Captain*).

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL — 1957-58

School	v.	Thetford G.S.	(A)	Lost	3—7
"	v.	Soham G.S.	(A)	Lost	3—9
"	v.	Thetford G.S.	(H)	Lost	1—4
"	v.	Newmarket G.S.	(H)	Won	3—2
"	v.	Soham G.S.	(H)	Drawn	4—4
"	v.	Newport G.S. (Essex)	(A)	Lost	0—5
"	v.	Newmarket G.S.	(A)	Won	5—0

The team did not settle down to play as a complete unit until half-way through the term. Then a marked improvement in positional play began to produce results. The defence was sound under pressure, Miles and Brown being particularly outstanding. Ellis and Southgate amongst the forwards were always eager to find the back of the opponents' net.

The regular team members were: Cawston, Winterbone, Brown, McAndrew, Miles (*Captain*), Herbert, Southgate, Andrews, Staden, Ellis, Cole. G.N.

UNDER 13 XI. FOOTBALL

School	v.	Nowton Court	(Away)	Lost	2—4
"	v.	Silver Jubilee	(Home)	Won	5—1
"	v.	Cadogan House	(Away)	Won	5—0
"	v.	Silver Jubilee	(Away)	Won	4—3
"	v.	Cadogan House	(Home)	Won	4—3
"	v.	Nowton Court	(Home)	Won	5—4

The School's youngest representatives this term, after losing to a bigger, robust team at Nowton Court, won all their remaining games. If the scores in the last three matches suggest that they may have been lucky to do so, at least it can be said that they learnt that games can be won in spite of early successes by the other side, for in each of these three games they had been behind — two down in the last game!

It is scarcely fair to name individuals, for team-spirit was good and there were several notably unselfish players. One must make an exception, however, with regard to K. E. J. English, Captain of the side, whose clever dribbling and two excellent long-range goals compensated for the handicap of an ample figure, while C. D. Cole scored a number of goals from outside-left which were simply first-rate.

The following played in at least five of the games: B. F. Bridges, E. A. Brown, P. Carlo, C. D. Cole, T. J. Edwards, K. E. J. English, T. J. Rice, T. J. Sadler, I. Sankey, J. M. Snell, B. F. Warren. M. J. Cooke played three times.

C.C.F. Notes

There has been a heavy increase in the number of recruits, as a result of which the Contingent now has 85 Cadets on its strength. The Senior N.C.O's have worked extremely hard to overcome the difficulties of providing instruction for such large numbers. Because of a modification in our affiliation for Training purposes, we have had this term rather more Regular assistance than in past years.

Field Day took place on November 12th. To vary the normal routine of riding out to Fornham Park, doing some training, and then riding back again, the Contingent started to walk there this year. Thanks again to the N.C.O's, we finished our journey marching.

C.C.F. CAMP, 1957 — WINDMILL HILL

If you had stood on Windmill Hill, on the border of the notorious Salisbury Plain, on the 19th of July, 1957, you might have seen a coach deposit numerous boys in khaki into the encampment there, thence to trundle back over a tent-bespeckled hummock of earth into the distance.

The boys of Bury had arrived, soon to hurry off to sample the army cuisine, the second course of which consisted of a lump of cold ice cream, closely followed by a lump of very hot chocolate pudding. Then followed a luke-warm, mildly brown substance, somewhat reminiscent of discoloured porridge. This, however, was the only cooking misfortune we experienced, and for the greater part of our stay the food was excellent and in good quantity.

We had been told that the Windmill Hill area was "just a dustbowl." In our stay, however, it underwent a metamorphosis from "dustbowl" to "mudbowl," and so it stayed for most of our residence at Windmill Hill.

On the day following our arrival the heavens opened, and rain lashed at us from over the hill. Had it not been for the courage and resource of the few people who had not gone to the N.A.A.F.I., and who secured all our tents, our

sojourn might have ended in disaster. We drowned our wet-weather sorrows, however, in skiffle, and L/Cpl. Napier's knuckles grated so hard on the guitar that it was speckled most colourfully with his blood, which provoked the comment that he "wasn't the first one to shed his blood for music, and he certainly wouldn't be the last."

Rain, however, did little to limit our activities. We embarked on several mock campaigns against each other, and we marched to the Rifle Range in fine style after our conveyance had moaned to a halt about two miles from our destination, and refused to show any further interest in the proceedings. During this unfortunate visit to the range Brigadier Clark, the Territorial and Auxiliary secretary for West Suffolk came and spoke to us about the country's need for enthusiastic volunteer cadets.

Our Sunday service was held at the New Tidworth Garrison Church, which called us to prayer by a loudspeaker in the bell-tower playing a record of a peal of bells.

Perhaps the most interesting afternoon we had was our visit to a large-scale demonstration and display of modern weapons, the centrepiece of which was the large American "Corporal" missile, towering majestically above the display-field. Spectators were invited to engage white barrels about a thousand yards away with 25-pounders gun, and, to our amazement, Cadet Auchinvole i. was one of the few people who actually blew up a target! We then beheld a Centurion tank blasting a decrepit lorry at about the same distance. Having reduced the lorry to burning rubble, it then proceeded to blow the burning rubble into its component atoms, to the ecstasy of all present.

A little Auster then controlled the firing of anti-tank guns from the air, and this was followed by the firing of coloured-smoke shells, which enswathed the landscape half a mile away with red, yellow and green hazes respectively. Firing displays increased in vigour until they reached the climax of a Regimental Concentration, at which we were first amazed by the number of little puffs of smoke appearing on the horizon, then deafened by the subsequent reports, and finally submerged in billows of multi-coloured smoke, which effectively hid the withdrawal of tanks, guns, soldiers and the Air Observation Post.

Soon, however, the time came for us to depart, and we "entrained" for Bury and (comparative) civilisation after a somewhat hilarious last night, in which, it is reported, ten stitches were shared among the heads of three members of another contingent, after their enthusiastic efforts to play at hand-ball, using for the ball a number of large tent-pegs.

Thanks are due to Major Walls and Lieutenant Dart, for their help, supervision, and organisation of a very enjoyable camp.

C.B.

Scout Notes

Activities this term have been hampered by lack of a suitable meeting place, since the gym has not been available.

The troop has 23 members, 8 of whom are new recruits. No investiture has yet been held, but two scouts (Rhodes and Yeomans) have gained the second class badge.

Patrol Competition :

Kangaroos	(P.L. Goodwin)	1st
Owls	(P.L. Matthews)	2nd
Beavers	(P.L. Marsh)	3rd
Foxes	(P.L. Bowers)	4th
		D.A.Y.

Drama

Meetings have been held once a fortnight, to alternate with Music and Art. Members have read through two plays, "The Will," by J. M. Barrie, and "The Browning Version," by Terence Rattigan. On several occasions each member performed a mime, which proved very entertaining and amusing.

The whole of two meetings has been devoted to recording plays on the tape recorder in teams, playing back each one and then discussing it. This has been very helpful to all members in many ways.

The last meeting of term was devoted to a talk on Theatrical terms, and a practical demonstration in stage make-up, both given by Mr. Tapster. These subjects were of great value to those interested in the theatre generally, as well as those concerned in the production at the end of term.

It is a part of the society's activities to visit productions at local theatres. Amongst those seen and elsewhere reported are "Under Milkwood," by Dylan Thomas, at the Cambridge Arts Theatre, "King Henry IV," Part one, by Shakespeare, at the Ipswich Theatre, and "Pygmalion," by Bernard Shaw, at the Colchester Repertory Theatre.

The Society's Productions of the term were "Gas Light," by Patrick Hamilton and "The Man in the Bowler Hat" by A. A. Milne. Girls from the County School were invited to take the female parts in "Gas Light."

M.L.W.

" UNDER MILKWOOD "

On the 4th November a group of enthusiastic members of the School Dramatic Society together with a number of the Staff attended a performance of "Under Milkwood" by Dylan Thomas given by the Meadow Players at the Cambridge Arts Theatre.

In this production we were considerably surprised to see mime being used in varying scenes; the effectiveness of this was excellently shown when Mrs. Dai Bread Two came across the market place affectionately calling an invisible hound, many an eye in the audience following this 'phantom' across the stage.

The curtain rose to reveal a darkened stage, prominent on which was the chair in which sat the blind old seafarer, Captain Cat, who, from his perch knew every village sound and commented upon it to himself. Joss Ackland who played this part must be criticised for indistinct diction.

Polly Garter, the young unmarried mother, provided excellent material for the gossip of the Welsh village. We had an intimate glimpse of her night life, for in frequent soliloquies she told us of her dubious dealings with seemingly respectable local menfolk. Rachel Roberts gave a superb performance of an unpleasant character, a difficult task indeed.

As there were forty-nine characters who helped to portray the life of this particular village, it is a somewhat difficult task to pick out those of note. However, much laughter (extremely uproarious laughter from one of our number), was provoked by Mr. Pugh, the village schoolmaster, who surreptitiously read books on poison, his wife being the object of his study. Mrs. Ogmore-Pritchard, too, amused all in her mastery over her two husbands, anaemic individuals quite willing to be subservient to her wishes. Mr. Waldo was quite a unique character, drunk and incapable every night, but welcomed home delightedly by his wife on each occasion.

Generally speaking all players were equal to their parts, as was the narrator Edgar Wreford, whose evocation of atmosphere was worthy of high praise; but most people agreed that the sordid side of village life was portrayed. This was in no way the fault of the producer, but due to the eccentricity of Dylan Thomas the Author.

E. J. L. Welham.

" KING HENRY IV." Part One

On Monday, November 18th, members of the VI form Literature Classes, and other enthusiasts, went to see the Ipswich Repertory Company's production of Shakespeare's "Henry IV," Part One, at the Ipswich Theatre. The theatre, a converted Church Hall, was extremely comfortable, and its small size enabled the actors to use the art of facial expression to great advantage.

The set consisted of black velvet curtains. A tapestry, hung at the back of the stage, constantly reminded us of the period in which the events of the play took place.

On the whole, the characters were extremely well portrayed. One was inclined to feel that at times King Henry himself was not a kingly enough figure. The charm and dignity of Bolingbroke had given way to the temperament of a middle-aged alcoholic. Although King Henry was in a haunted condition, he possibly carried this too far. In his fits of rage he would rush off the stage, and would be heard finishing his speech in the wings as Falstaff waddled on at the other side.

The most striking figure in the whole play was Prince Hal (Clinton Greyn), a tall and handsome young man whom one could imagine as the hero of Argincourt already. His very subtle and careful portrayal of his part proved most enjoyable, and all agreed that he would be a great actor in future years.

Another delightful portrayal was that of Falstaff (Brendan Barry), that cunning and self-indulgent old sinner whose wickedness makes him one of the most amusing and lovable characters in the whole of English Literature. If there were one small criticism, it was that he was not fat enough, for he himself admitted that he had not seen his knees since he was a youth.

We were very pleased with Hotspur too, who was portrayed with great feeling and vigour by Anthony Kenway. He represented the element of tragedy in the play very well, his downfall being caused by his great worshipping of honour, which grew to such an extent it killed his sense of values and ultimately led to his death in battle at Shrewsbury.

One cannot fail to mention the excellent portrayal of the minor characters, especially those of Owen Glendower, Bardolph, Mistress Quickly of the Boar's Head Tavern, and Lady Percy. Although the main story of the play did not concern these characters, they helped in no small way to make the performance very enjoyable.

Despite the somewhat symbolic rendering of the battle scene, we all agreed that the production was excellent. The diction was always clear, the costumes always in keeping, and the acting of a high order. It is quite certain that those studying the play were helped tremendously by seeing the performance, and we are extremely grateful to Mr. Tapster for so kindly arranging the visit.

M.L.W.

"PYGMALION"

On Thursday, December 12th, a party of fifth-formers went to the Colchester Repertory Theatre to see a performance of Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion." This play is being studied for next July's examination and the majority of the party gained something from this pleasing production.

The atmosphere required was well captured, which is not always possible in reading a play. The scenery was very effective and the speed with which sets were changed did credit to the stage-hands.

Professor Higgins, a powerful and very dominant character, was well played by Peter Baldwin, who made a very fine effort with a difficult part. His make-up was excellent, but in places his fierce nature dwindled somewhat.

Colonel Pickering was well-played, but for an ex-army officer he did not appear ever to have been capable of giving orders. His part as a very well-mannered gentleman was admirably portrayed by Frank Woodfield.

The part of Eliza Doolittle was the hardest to act. To change from a flower-girl to a duchess is far from easy. This part was played very well indeed by Heather Canning, but at times it was felt that she was over-acting her part.

The other less important parts, notably that of Mrs. Pearce, were all well-played by the other performers, and all contributed to a highly delightful outing.

B. D. Paton.

"GASLIGHT"

AND

"THE MAN IN THE BOWLER HAT"

On December 12th, 13th and 14th the Dramatic Society presented "Gaslight" by Patrick Hamilton and, as a curtain-raiser, "The Man in the Bowler Hat" by A. A. Milne.

The productions were staged in the Gym — a happy change, with much easier access, and with far superior seating arrangements. With a proscenium arch in itself a triumph of improvisation, the stage and set appeared to much greater advantage, while front of house lighting at last became a reality.

"Gaslight" is the story of a murderer who in his thirst for his victim's jewels finds it necessary to drive his bigamous wife mad, a dramatic, if somewhat sordid, story from which we find relief by the efforts of Rough, an ex-policeman, who exposes the killer, recovers the missing jewels, and saves the murderer's "Wife".

Michael West was outstanding as the villainous Mr. Manningham, his sinister and austere manner, set against a magnificent background of Victorian furniture in all its gloom, and a most effectively tyrannous voice, building up the horror from which Rough ultimately rescued us. His whiskers were perhaps, a little over-Victorian.

Mrs. Manningham was played with great confidence by Anne Sanderson who did well in the most difficult part in the play. The fear in her eyes and the terror on her face more than compensated for lack of convincingness in her voice at times.

Brian Hazel was excellent as a foil to Manningham and as a prop to Mrs. Manningham and his easy self-assurance as the astute detective most effectively brought us back to the world of sanity.

Elizabeth Gorham, as the Irish maid, neatly showed us another side to Manningham, whilst Mary Dutton, as the housekeeper, re-inforced our sympathy for Mrs. Manningham.
(A.D.D. and R.W.E.)

Science Club

The Seniors started the term with a short course of astronomy. The launching of the first earth satellite increased the interest in this subject and one group of boys has made a further study of it. One enthusiast suggested that the club should attempt to build its own astronomical telescope. The idea was approved and as a result work has started on the grinding of a mirror for a six inch reflecting telescope. This will have a final radius of curvature of about 96 inches. At the moment a radius of 104 inches has been reached.

A second group has been making aniline dyes and there has been the usual interest in aeromodelling. The new members have been interested mainly in astronomy and photography. Two boys are attempting to build a phonodeik.

The Juniors have made a brief study of telescopes, the telephone, and early devices for the measurement of time. They have also carried out some simple gas preparations and are reconstructing the model gas works.

Art Club

This term, under the guidance of E. J. Ward, several boys have been employed on the set for the School play. Ward himself is to be commended for his design, and for the sacrifice of a great deal of his spare time in ensuring a finish of high quality.

Other boys have made practical contributions to the printing of programmes for the organ voluntaries at the School Carol Service, and for the plays. It must be admitted that during the latter process the quality of patience was found to be lacking in some of the junior boys. The junior section of the Club held a competition for the most original painting — original, that is, in subject matter and style. The winners were P. Elliott, R. Salt and M. Booty, and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Many of the Seniors took advantage of the opportunity to do more lino-cutting and printing, and some have reached high standards. For others the word 'Art' is always synonymous with painting, and they have made considerable progress in that sphere. Particular mention should be made of the paintings of Salt of Vth Form, who has produced work of a very high order.
D.T.

Recitals

11th October: Jean Allister (Contralto), Harold Lester (Piano)

The vocalist had a fine voice and delighted the audience with songs ranging from traditional airs, through the classics to the moderns, Warlock and Britten. She spoke briefly about the songs, and was sympathetically accompanied by the pianist. Mr. Lester played as solos pieces by Haydn, Rachmaninov, Ireland, and Khachaturian.

15th November: Philip Challis (Piano).

A really fine piano recital never fails to delight the great majority of music lovers. Mr. Challis gave us all great pleasure in his playing of pieces by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Ravel, and Liszt. Even if his rather 'heavy' rendering of Bach offended the purist, his verve and dash in the transcendental music of Liszt greatly pleased those who admire good showmanship. This enjoyable hour of fine piano music passed very quickly.

Music Club

SENIOR

<i>President :</i>	The Headmaster.
<i>Chairman :</i>	M. L. West.
<i>Secretary :</i>	B. R. Hazel.
<i>Committee :</i>	J. A. Nicholson, Mr. J. O. Bridges.

Unfortunately our programme this term has been rather limited as we have had fewer meetings than usual. We have spent most of our time in singing and listening to Gilbert and Sullivan, as we hope, later on, to combine with the Dramatic Society and stage 'Trial by Jury.'

M. L. West presided over a session of records which he had chosen to illustrate his informal talk on Modern English Classical Music. The records played were: 'The English Folk Song Suite, Fantasia on 'Greensleeves', Crown Imperial, Movement I of Sinfonia Antartica, Pomp and Circumstance March No. I in D, and 'Neptune' from the Planets Suite. He played 'Nimrod' himself on the piano. The afternoon proved a very enjoyable one, bringing our activities for the term to a satisfactory close.

B.R.H.

JUNIOR

Secretary : G. Snell

Regular meetings have been held. Recorder practice, a concert by members, music 'quizes,' and listening to gramophone records have been the chief activities.

Debating Society

The first debate was held on December 4th when the motion before the house was:

"That this house believes that the only future for British Youth Today is in Emigration"

The opposers, Messrs Ward and Jordan, were successful in persuading the house that there was a future for British Youth in this country today. Although the proposers, Messrs. Bailey and Goodchild, pointed out that there were places other than the Sahara Desert and the Canadian Prairies inviting emigration, the motion was defeated by 22 votes to 10.

On Wednesday, 11th December, Messrs. Reed and Davies were successful in persuading the house that Santa Claus did exist. Messrs. Ryan and Nicholson opposed the motion, "That this House believes in Santa Claus", but were successful in capturing only 7 votes. The house was almost unanimously persuaded by Mr. Reed who declared that Santa Claus traversed the World on a Flying Bedstead and carried with him a portable Chimmney stack.

Much enjoyment was gained from both these debates and we look forward to more next term when we hope to hold a Debate at three weekly intervals. Finally we would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Rayner for officiating at both Debates.

G.J.G.

Physical Education Activity

The fine weather this term has enabled both senior and junior sections to be out-of-doors regularly. During the early part of the term both groups played Rugger, usually with more enthusiasm than skill, but nevertheless a few players of distinct promise have emerged. In the latter half of the term the seniors began training for the cross country, which is to be run early next term. The School should do reasonably well in its cross country matches, especially in the junior section where there are some very promising runners, and it is hoped that they will emulate the feat of last year's team by going through the season undefeated.

A more varied programme was arranged for the juniors in the second part of the term, including a "potted sports" held in the gym, and an inter-form football competition, based on a handicap system, in which Form IM were the winners.

D.W.S.

The Film Club

Some of the best films of the term have shown Australia, its animals, aborigines, agriculture and forestry and life in the "out-back". Two other well-made films showed the relationship between biology and geology on granite moorlands and chalk downlands. We have had three pleasant short films on birds and three rather difficult ones on atomic energy. We have seen the methods of prospecting for and producing oil, of transporting oil by pipe-line and using oil in several types of engines. We have journeyed as far as the uranium mines of north Canada and the whaling grounds of the Antarctic. Our varied programme also included arts and crafts, music and ballet and table tennis.

P.S.

Natural History Club

A little further progress has been made on the pets' corner: we have studied aquaria; examined slides under the microscopes; attended films; played games and had simple quizzes, and we have done a little gardening.

An attempt has been made this term to establish a rota for feeding the animals, but, with one or two exceptions, the casual attitude of most of the boys concerned has been surprising.

We are grateful to Hastings for a pair of guinea pigs, to Douglas for a pair of hamsters, and to Matson for a number of tropical fish. We can always supply tame mice at a very nominal charge!

Discussion Group

Many topics of current interest have been touched upon by a rather large discussion group — the Credit Squeeze, the Near East, Trade Unions, Little Rock and so forth.

The following papers were read:

- Racial segregation (Sitford)
- Kruschev (Reed)
- Sputniks (Offord).
- Blood Sports (Moye)

The speakers had obviously spent a considerable amount of time in preparation and dealt confidently with a barrage of questions that followed their speeches. Offord's paper was illustrated by elaborate drawings, although these, perhaps, were not enough to enlighten thoroughly the less scientific of his audience.

A motion that "A strong Liberal government is necessary to save the country" was defeated by a large majority. The main speakers — Sitford, Reed, Bennett and Hayward — performed very creditably.

In "Brains Trust" sessions many questions on topical matters were dealt with skilfully, if not always with complete knowledge. An encouraging start was made here by boys who had not previously been called upon to address their colleagues.

Chess Club

The ladder competitions in both Senior and Junior sections have continued each Tuesday and Wednesday. Matson retains his lead in the Seniors, and Lasky has taken top position in the Juniors.

An elimination tournament held this term had interesting results, and MacAllister became tournament champion. Lasky took first place in the junior tournament.

The quality of the chess played each week is definitely improving, and there is a very useful critical attitude to position and choice of moves which is growing as proficiency and experience increase.

We look forward to the Inter-House Chess Matches next term, which should prove more satisfactory and consistent than last year.

Windsor House Notes

The House has not had a particularly good term, but we have done as well as was expected. The Senior team lost two of its football matches but won the third quite decisively. Lack of punch in the forward line was the main problem, but every member of the side played with enthusiasm, if not the

greatest of skill. The junior team also lost two of its matches and won one. The term ended with the House being placed third equal in the Inter-House Football Competition.

	1st XI.	2nd XI.
v. Tudors.	0—4 lost	2—4 lost
v. Lancs.	0—7 lost	2—1 won
v. Yorks.	4—1 won.	1—3 lost

We look forward to the Spring Term with the hope that the House will have more success in Hockey, Fives, Cross-Country and Chess.

Finally, we congratulate Crowe who has been awarded his Half-Colours for Football. M.J.W.

Tudor House Notes

During the term the following officials were elected :

House Captain	—	E. J. L. Welham.
Football Captain	—	J. Dickerson.
Cross-Country Captain	—	R. L. Flack.
Hockey Captain	—	P. N. Matthews.

Tudor House began the new School year greatly regretting the loss of P. H. Turner, house Captain for the past two years and a pillar of strength in the House. His performances in field events, notably with the javelin, and his ability to inspire good house spirit were the key to his outstanding success. J. T. Mendham and C. Smith will also be a great loss from the hockey and cricketing spheres.

Owing to great enthusiasm and determination among the two football teams this term has been one of success. The senior team won all three of their games and the juniors won one, drew one, and lost the third of their matches. However the result was that Tudor House decisively won the football competition, a gratifying result for those who played with great gusto in every game.

Next term we anticipate keen competition in Hockey, Drama, Cross Country, Chess and Fives, which means that all must play their part with added vigour.

Finally we offer our congratulations to those who were awarded first XI colours : J. Dickerson full, and R. L. Flack half-colours; also to P. N. Matthews who obtained 2nd XI colours. E. J. L. Welham.

Dorkist House Notes

In Football the Senior Team has had a rather disappointing term, losing all three of its matches. The scores were as follows : against the Lancastrian House 1—3, against the Windsor House 1—4, and against the Tudor House 0—1. However, thanks are due to Fordham for the excellent way in which he captained the team, and to all the players for their great efforts and unfailing team spirit.

The Junior Team, however, has had an excellent term, beating the Lancastrians 7—2, the Windsors 3—1, and the Tudors 6—1. It is most encouraging to see such good junior players, and one hopes that they will revive the fortunes of the house in the future.

In the House Meeting at the end of term, Reed was elected Hockey Captain, Pallant Cross-Country Captain, Matson Chess Captain and Ward, Hazel and West Drama Committee.

We look forward to a great effort on the part of all members of the house in the Cross-Country competition and also in the Hockey, Chess and Drama Competitions. None of these can possibly be a success without the support and co-operation of all Yorkists.

Finally congratulations to Carey and Garrard on being awarded First Eleven Football Half-Colours, and to Pallant and Reed on being awarded Second Eleven Colours.

M.L.W.

Lancastrian House Notes

This term has witnessed a revival of the inter-house rivalry, sadly lacking in previous years. Both the Seniors and the Juniors have fought hard for the House at football, although not always with outstanding success. Many thanks are due to those few supporters who turned up to support their teams. Their cheering gave an added determination to win.

In the Inter-House Football Competition the House finished 2nd. Results were as follows :

	1st XI.	2nd XI.
v. Windsors	7—0 won	1—2 lost
v. Tudors	3—5 lost	0—0 drew
v. Yorks	3—1 won	2—7 lost

We congratulate Howlett on obtaining his 1st XI half-Colours and Halls, Rowe and Bullock on obtaining their 2nd XI Colours. Among the Junior members of the School we have a considerable amount of talent, which gives us cause to look ahead hopefully.

In the coming term we look forward to Hockey, Fives, Chess and Drama, and we hope that the degree of our success will exceed that of previous years. It must be clearly understood that every single boy in the House must play his part, however small, if the success of the House is to be assured.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Brush for the excellent manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the House.

A. D. Day.

School Notes

VALETE :—

Form VI.

D. H. Merris.

Form V.

D. S. Cook.

J. H. Holder.

M. J. A. King.

L. N. Melton.

P. Mitchell.

P. R. Pearson.

Form IV.

P. R. Buck.

D. J. Goodwin.

Form III.

G. Stephens.

Form II.

T. W. Gerken.

Form I.

T. Lewis.

Old Boys' Notes

A. Nurrish has completed his basic apprenticeship at H.M.S. Fisgard and been drafted to H.M.S. Collingwood as an Electrical artificer apprentice. He was awarded Fisgard Hockey Colours.

M. S. Tipper has commenced his R.A.F apprenticeship at Locking, Weston-Super-Mare.

F. Turner has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Peterborough Advertiser after four years of service as General Manager. He was formerly on the Staff of Messrs. Greene and Greene.

G. L. Skan has commenced a "Sandwich" course with Rotax of Willesden, Aircraft Electrical Engineers.

J. F. MacCulloch has commenced his apprenticeship with Metro-Vickers and has been awarded a maintenance Scholarship.

I. S. Davidson is now at Sheffield University and P. J. Hopwood at Hull.

Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. O. R. Todd on his recent marriage.

P. H. Turner is working in the Research Department of the Kodak Company at Harrow.

R. Addis has recently passed the examination for the Executive Class in the Civil Service. He has just started his National Service and is stationed in the Tower of London.

C. Harper (R.A.F.) is now in Malaya.

D. J. Simpkin is in the Royal Signals, stationed in the Bavarian Alps near the Austrian frontier and within ten miles of places visited by the 1951 School Party in Austria. He is hoping for some skiing in the next few months.

D. Grant is at a High School in Orange, New South Wales and finding the Standard of work much lower than at Bury. He has to buy his text and exercise books, there is no school canteen service, and he expresses some strong views on Australian rugby.

We were very pleased to receive Christmas Cards from: R. N. Noble, R. L. Steele, R. G. Bickell, M. J. A. King, J. M. Ross (due shortly for release from the Services, when he will take a post in Delaware, U.S.A.), D. G. Davey, H. G. Pratt (now at Shuttleworth College), V. Farthing, J. L. Miles, D. I. Smith, A. Marshall, P. G. Love, (Liverpool University), A. Jermy, F. B. Gow, P. C. Fryer (Emmanuel College), D. C. Farrow, P. H. Turner, N. M. Boys (Congratulations and Best Wishes on his Marriage), W. H. Hardy (Guy's Hospital), I. S. Davidson (Sheffield University), D. W. Jones, P. J. Hopwood, B. H. P. Turner, D. G. Smith (47, Guided Weapons Regt. R.A.), D. Gudgin, J. T. Mendham, G. D. Morley, (Durham University), C. Harper, P. R. Osborne (R.A.F. Kuala Lumpur, Malaya), C. A. Gladwell and R. Wells.

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